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In re Application of
Katz et al.
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: DECISION GRANTING
: PETITION
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This is a decision regarding the request for corrected filing receipt filed on 23 April, 2001, which is treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c) requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of 21 December, 2000, rather than the presently accorded filing date of 22 December, 2000.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on 21 December, 2000. In support, on 23 April, 2001, petitioner supplied a copy of Express Mail Label No. EL384205154US (the same Express Mail number found on the transmittal sheet accompanying the original application papers located in the official file). The "date-in" on the Express Mail Label is 21 December, 2000.

In view of the above, the petition is granted. No petition fee is required and none has been charged.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for correction of the filing date to 21 December, 2000.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 308-6918.

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